

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Earnestness is the best gift of mental power, and deficiency of heart is the cause of many men never becoming great.—Bulwer.

## IN THE GOVERNOR'S FAVOR

Three distinct points in Gov. Frear's favor were brought out during this morning's hearing before Secretary Fisher.

1. It was testified by Land Agent W. O. Aiken that homesteads opened on Maui and which afterward proved unsuccessful, were opened against the judgment of Mr. Aiken, and that this opening was prior to Governor Frear's administration.

2. It was testified by Richard Ivers that to the best of his knowledge no homesteads opened during Gov. Frear's administration have been sold or leased by the homesteaders; in other words, that in this respect the homesteading has been bona fide and the homesteaders able to work their lands.

3. When the question was raised as to the history of the present discretionary powers given the governor on homesteading application and operation, it was shown that Gov. Frear submitted the problem to the House committee on territories at Washington, and that the land laws in this respect were decided upon by the House committee, with the approval of the delegate at that time.

The bearing of these three points is this: They are in direct contradiction to the delegate's complaint that the governor is to be blamed for the workings and non-workings of the present land laws and for the effect—and lack of effect—of the present land laws.

## PROMOTION PROMISE

The new line-up of the Hawaii Promotion Committee gives promise of activity and good judgment. With Z. K. Myers as chairman, and Albert Waterhouse, B. von Damm, H. M. Hepburn, John T. Warren and Secretary H. P. Wood, the promotion work should go steadily forward during the coming year. No year in the history of this committee will be more important, for it is the year of preparation for the great exposition at San Francisco and a flood-tide of tourist traffic is to be diverted this way.

While the political parties of this territory are making up their platforms, they should frame a strong plank calling for vigorous financial support of the committee by the territorial legislature.

The retiring members of the committee have done excellent work. W. H. McInerney and W. H. Hoogs have been tireless and active, and the committee's course has been harmonious and effective.

## THE CHANCE OF "AMERICANIZING"

Secretary Fisher yesterday put his finger on one of the several weak points in Delegate Kuhio's case when he questioned Attorney Ashford, the delegate's spokesman, in an effort to find out how Kuhio would assure the taking of homestead lands by American immigrants in case there should be put into effect a system of cutting up large areas of government land into holdings of forty, fifty or a hundred acres.

He put his finger on another weak point when he asked Ashford if with only 35,000 acres of government land available, enough for some 700 families, it would be practicable to cut the lands up on the assumption that of the 700 families enough would be Americans to guarantee any substantial advance toward "Americanizing" this territory.

Gov. Carter declared himself opposed to pulling down one industry merely on the chance of establishing another, and probably Ashford and Kuhio would not take issue with him there. Yet by what method does the delegate propose to assure Americanizing the territory? Simply through cutting up large tracts of lands into smaller tracts? Certainly advance publicity for the government's homesteading intentions, on which Mr. Ashford seems to rely, is not by itself a guarantee in which implicit faith can be placed.

Further enlightenment as to the delegate's ideas on this subject, for which he has been asked for months, will be awaited with interest.

## FOR A UTILITIES COMMISSION

Apropos of the question raised during his investigation by Secretary Fisher, as to whether there has been any movement here for a public

utilities commission, it may have been forgotten that at the last session of the legislature a bill was introduced conferring upon the various county boards what amount to public utility commission powers, and that the bill died an inglorious death. Here in brief is its history:

On Tuesday, March 7, 1911, the Hon. Ed Towse, of Oahu, introduced H. B. No. 134, entitled: An act to authorize, empower and enable the board of supervisors, or other legislative body, or any city and county or county, to require and obtain information and data of and from any public service corporation, or any company, partnership, firm or person engaged in the business of carrying passengers and freight for hire, or engaged in the business of manufacturing or generating or developing and furnishing and supplying for sale, use, rental or distribution, water, ice, light, heat or power, or owning or controlling any appliance or device for the sending, receiving, transmission, transfer, or exchange of messages and communications, operating under any franchise involving the use of the public streets and highways, for use, by way of rental or otherwise, of, or to, or by such city and county or county, or the inhabitants thereof; to fix the rates and compensation that shall be charged and collected by such public service or public utilities corporation, company, partnership, firm or person, for the transportation of such passengers and freight, or for the use and consumption of the water, light, heat or power so furnished and supplied, or for the use and rental of such appliance or device, or for any service rendered in connection therewith, and prescribing penalties for failure to comply with the terms and provisions of this act.

This bill, which had the distinction of holding the house record for length of title, was referred to the judiciary committee, and the following extract from the house journal of Wednesday, March 22, tells the rest of the story:

Your judiciary committee, to which was referred House Bill No. 134, introduced by Hon. Edward Towse, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee believe that if any body is to fix rates for public service corporations that it should be a commission of experts properly qualified for the purpose. Your committee therefore recommend that this bill be tabled. Your committee also does not approve of the practice of introducing bills into this House unless the introducer has a bona fide intention of urging the passage of such bill.

Respectfully submitted, Alfred L. Castle, chairman judiciary committee; Wm. J. Sheldon, E. A. C. Long, H. S. Rickard, J. H. Coney.

Mr. Sheldon moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Correa. Mr. Towse rose to a question of personal privilege, stating that the last portion of the committee's report was a reflection on him as the introducer of said bill, and moved that the report be referred back to the judiciary committee. The motion to recommit was seconded by Mr. Watkins and lost.

The journal record, too long for full quotation here, shows that after Mr. Towse raised several points of order, appealing from the decision of the chair, "the motion to adopt the committee's report was put by the chair and carried and House Bill No. 134 was tabled."

Senator Dolliver's famous characterization of President Taft as a large body surrounded by persons who know exactly what they want evidently had partial reference to his cabinet. Secretary Fisher knows exactly what he wants.

It would be interesting to know just what appointments Mr. Carter had in mind when he speaks of the administration's failure to support the governor. He was on the verge of telling yesterday, but the fatal words did not out.

Ex-Governor Carter seems to think he was a good deal closer to the national administration than is Gov. Frear. There is no doubt he was in Washington oftener.

Bull Moose leaders in Illinois say that the busy suffragists are mixing up their campaign frightfully. But they haven't yet repudiated the votes of women.

Secretary Fisher quite evidently has no intention of allowing slaps at the administration to go unrebuked.

Our idea of a quiet summer resort is a cross between Oyster Bay and Seagirt, with Beverly for the week-end.

A French aviator has won the Bennett cup at Chicago, but pshaw! Look what we did to 'em at Stockholm.

This talk of a public utilities commission is likely to put ideas in the heads of territorial legislators.

A few more U. S. railroads bothered by Mexican rebels and the Solid South is going to expand.

Welcome back to the Republican fold, Maine!

## BUSINESSMEN GET RATES FOR CIVIC CONVENTION AT HILO

Joint Committee of Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association Make All Arrangements for Trip—Letter Urges Members to Join Party on Excursion

The joint committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association has successfully arranged with Manager James Kennedy of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co. for a round-trip fare of \$15 to Hilo for visitors attending the civic convention.

The Mauna Kea will carry the delegates, leaving this city on September 20 and arriving at Hilo on the morning of the 26th, the date definitely fixed for the opening of the convention. The return will be made on the same steamer September 30, arriving in Honolulu the morning of October 1.

The Hilo Board of Trade, headed by Dr. H. B. Elliot, an untiring worker, has appointed a number of committees to look out for the comforts and entertainment of the delegates from the various civic and commercial organizations. One of the features of the week will be a banquet in honor of the visitors, with the members of the Hilo Board of Trade as hosts.

The joint committee having the Honolulu end of the convention in charge sent out the following letter this morning to the individual members of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association:

Dear Sir:—The Hilo Board of Trade and the people of that city expect upward of 75 visitors, ladies and gentlemen, September

25-31, for the first civic convention the Territory has known.

This project has the unanimous and most earnest support of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, which bodies have secured a round-trip rate of \$15, with a guarantee of not less than thirty persons. This is a small fee for a fine trip on the S. S. Mauna Kea and a lot of sightseeing.

A number of papers on matters vital to the Territory will be read by men who have studied their subjects.

Cooperation in this important event is due Hilo to the fullest measure, and every business concern should be represented by one or more members.

Book with Mr. H. P. Wood at the Hawaii Promotion Committee office—by telephone, personally or with enclosed postal.

Further information will be supplied by other letters and through the press. Yours very truly,

FRED L. WALDRON,

A. GARTLEY,

C. C. VON HAMM,

For Chamber of Commerce;

P. A. SWIFT,

G. P. BUSH,

ED. TOWSE,

For Merchants' Association.

A delegation of Honolulu business men has already booked for the trip, which assures a large representation.

## PERSONALITIES

MR. AND MRS. C. D. LUFKIN, of Walluku, will leave for the Coast in the Wilhelmina tomorrow.

MR. AND MRS. LUFKIN are at the Young Hotel, where they will remain until the Wilhelmina sails for the Coast.

ARTHUR BERG, who went to Hawaii last week, will remain on the big island several weeks. He is Bishop Insurance Agency Manager, and is looking over his firm's outside business.

MR. AND MRS. P. C. BEAMER, of Hilo, will sail for the mainland on the Wilhelmina tomorrow. They expect to go as far East as Chicago. They are contemplating a world tour in the near future.

MISS HELEN SMITH and Miss Grace Gilmore are stopping at the Young as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lufkin. Miss Smith will sail with Mr. and Mrs. Lufkin, and Miss Gilmore will remain for several weeks as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Wood.

E. D. TENNEY will depart for the Coast in the Wilhelmina tomorrow. He has business interests in California that demand his attention. Honolulu Consolidated will be one of the considerations of his visit to the Coast.

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### ON BEHALF OF GOV. FREAR.

Walluku, Maui, Sept. 3. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir:—I have heard things in the native newspapers to show a dislike for Gov. Frear's acts, but if you please, allow me an opportunity publicly to tell something I know for him. Five years ago, I remember, he was active in a request to the governor of California to change the punishment of Edward K. Manase, at Folsom state prison, Sacramento, Cal., from the gallows to life imprisonment. Therefore is Gov. Frear good and charitably inclined toward the Hawaiian people.

Yours truly,

REV. H. MANASE.

Captain Johnson commanding the two Coast Artillery companies now transiently in this Post reports that his command made the 32 miles from Fort Ruger in good style. Many of the men had done no marching for about ten months. Actual practice by these companies manning the siege guns will take place on Thursday or Friday of this week. Meanwhile the command is encamped near the Field Artillery and is busy with the drills preliminary to actual firing.

Wiping the kitchen oilcloth with skimmed milk will be found almost as beneficial as treating the cloth with a coat of varnish. The milk can be wiped dry in a few minutes, but the varnish will not dry for several days.

## OAHU AGAIN BEST SELLER

Oahu is again the chief performer on the stock street, with 140 shares unchanged at 23 reported. Hawaiian Commercial shows a drop of one point in a sale of 25 shares at 43.50. Ewa is unchanged at 31.25 for a block of 100 shares, and Onomea at 59.25 for 5 shares. McBryde was the only sugar stock sold on the board, 100 and 5 shares selling unchanged at 6.50. Bonds are represented by \$5000 Hilo Extension sixes at 94.50 and \$5000 Oahu sixes at 97.50.

Dividends are announced as follows: Walluku, \$1.50, or \$45,000; Hutchinson, 26c., or \$20,000; Paauhau, 20c., or \$20,000; total, \$85,000.

## RECEPTION GIVEN NEW MAUI PASTOR AND WIFE

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WAILUKU, Sept. 10.—The people of Makawao and Paia gave a delightful reception to Rev. and Mrs. A. Craig Bowdish last evening at the home of Mrs. Amelia Beckwith Hair at Hamakua. In spite of the threatening rain a large number of people turned out, so that Mrs. Hair's large drawing room and adjacent lanai were full of people. All parts of central Maui were represented, and several families came from the Paia-Wailuku homestead region.

After the informal reception was over, a very pleasant musical program was enjoyed. Miss Carrie E. Short of Wailuku opened with a piano solo. Mr. Scott of Paia, who is working on the Kahului extension, sang twice. Mrs. Nichol and Mr. Hinkley followed with a duet. Rev. Mr. Short of Wailuku sang "When the Cows Come Home," all these vocal selections being heartily received. Clarence G. White of Hailu gave two of his delightful recitals. Mrs. George Steele had not been heard in public since her return to Maui. She played once and sang once during the evening, and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Will J. Cooper, and Miss Mills each sang a solo. Their work is always good. Miss Short in her admirable way accompanied several times. The program was much appreciated by all, and encores were called for repeatedly.

The hostess of the evening asked Rev. Mr. Dodge to say a few words introducing Mr. and Mrs. Bowdish. He spoke of the life on Maui as that of a big family, and said that the family heartily welcomed newcomers. Mr. Bowdish responded in a very happy way in a speech that pleased everybody. The evening closed with delicious refreshments served by the ladies of the parish.

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